The Topeka Police Department and the U.S. Probation Office in Topeka, KS, are teaming up to provide a pathway for qualifying individuals to have anti-social, gang related and controversial tattoos removed from their bodies.

These types of visible tattoos often create roadblocks for individuals wanting to make meaningful changes in their lives. Removal of such tattoos will promote community acceptance, gainful employment, and improve overall quality of life. Tattoo removal often breaks the chains that bind individuals to their former lives of criminal thinking and anti-social behavior.



Various stages of the tattoo removal procedure from hand in progress



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And
The Topeka Police Department
Are teaming up to provide the
Tattoo Removal Incentive Program

## Eligibility Requirements:

The tattoo must be one of the following:

- Anti-social
- Gang related
- Preventing individuals from finding employment
- Interfering with individual's life



Tattoo removal from hand

## Participants Must:

- Agree not to acquire any additional tattoos
- Be clean and sober and submit UA testing prior to services
- Submit social history relating to the origin of each tattoo
- Complete 30 hours of community service work prior to starting the tattoo removal.
- Attend scheduled appointments
- Maintain compliance with supervision and any social services program
- Be in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws



Tattoo removal from face in Progress



Various stages of tattoo removal from face in progress

Participants report improvements in the following areas:

- Personal safety
- Job skills
- Employment status
- Self-esteem
- Family relationships
- Community involvement
- Commitment to education & health care
- Volunteerism

The Tattoo Removal Program is designed to:

- increase positive lifestyle choices
- improve quality of life for individuals
- improve employment and education opportunities

Volunteering is an opportunity to give back to the community through meaningful service. It fosters job skills and connections that lead to better employment; motivation to continue education; improved self-esteem and opportunities to be a positive role model.

## Program Mission

To provide a service that assists individuals in personal growth through healing of the body, mind and spirit.